

REMARKS

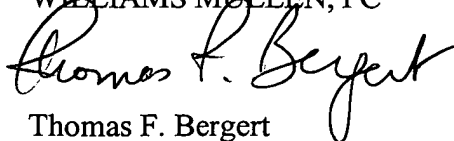
This is a full and timely response to the Office Action of November 29, 2005.

In the Office Action of November 29, 2005, the Examiner has rejected claims 14-23 and 25, and has indicated that claims 1-13 and 24 are allowed. By the present Response, Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner cancel claims 14-23 and 25 without prejudice. Accordingly, only claims 1-13 and 24 remain in the present application, and these claims have been allowed by the Examiner.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present application is in position for prompt adjudication, and an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number provided below.

A petition for three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action is accompanying this response, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0766 in payment of the required fees, with the exception of the issue fee.

Respectfully submitted,
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